



Somaliland Mission, USA

December 23, 2022

The Honorable Marc Veasey
U.S. House of Representatives
2348 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Veasey:

On behalf of the Government of Somaliland, I am writing to express our sincere thanks for your continued leadership in support of Somaliland in the U.S. House of Representatives. In particular, we are extremely grateful for your inclusion of language supporting a stronger security partnership between the U.S. and Somaliland in the House Armed Services Committee's guidance for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023.

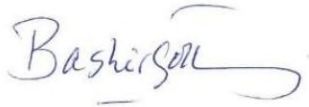
Your successful efforts to acknowledge the benefits of stronger security partnership between the U.S. and Somaliland facilitated broader conversations about greater engagement between our governments throughout the NDAA process. It is also reflected in the conferenced bill's inclusion of a provision that requests both reporting on current partnership with Somaliland on security initiatives and a feasibility study outlining opportunities for enhanced security cooperation in pursuit of shared national security interests in the Horn of Africa, the Gulf of Aden, and the Indo-Pacific region.

Looking ahead, my government remains optimistic about the prospects for greater cooperation between the U.S. and Somaliland as we continue to navigate our shared objectives, both in the Horn of Africa and beyond. The exploration of current support and opportunities for future engagement required by the NDAA represents just the first step in what we hope will become a long and fruitful partnership between our two governments.

As a friend of Somaliland, our government and people are proud to have your continued support. I look forward to welcoming you to Somaliland at your earliest convenience and to our continued collaboration in the 118th Congress and beyond.

Thank you very much again.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bashir Goth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bashir Goth
Somaliland Representative to the USA

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